

Evelyn Janell Grant Johnson

September 23, 1944 – December 26, 1999



Evelyn Johnson was born in Gainesville, Florida. In 1962, she graduated from Stone High School in Melbourne, Florida. She attended Carver Junior College and Brevard Community College both in Cocoa, Florida. She attended Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia.

At the time of her passing, Evelyn was serving as a Deputy Director for the Equal Employment Opportunity Program Office at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida. She was employed by the Federal Government for 35 years and worked for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for 28 years.

During her tenure with the Equal Employment Opportunity Program Office, Evelyn mentored high school and college students and was instrumental in instituting programs to assist minority students. Many of her students have graduated and are pursuing successful careers in various disciplines. She enjoyed helping others to attain their personal and career goals. Evelyn's work ethic was unprecedented. Her beautiful smile and gentle spirit touched the lives of her students and co-workers each day.

Evelyn has a daughter, Elaine Johnson, who resides in Brevard County. Elaine continues to carry out her mother's goals as she influences the lives of many students as an educator in her local community.

Historically, the Evelyn Johnson Scholarship was awarded by the Black Employee Strategy Team (BEST) in remembrance of Ms. Johnson's dedication and commitment to creating opportunities for higher education, work experience, and personal growth for high school and college students. As of 2017, the Evelyn Johnson Scholarship will be awarded by the KSC Exchange. The KSC Exchange is committed to continuing to honor Ms. Johnson's esteemed legacy by recognizing accomplished high school seniors as they pursue their higher education goals.